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	10/825,610	TEHIM ET AL.	
	Examiner Kamal A. Saeed	Art Unit 1626	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 4 and 8-46 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 4,8 and 30-36 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 9-11, 28, 29, AND 37-46 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

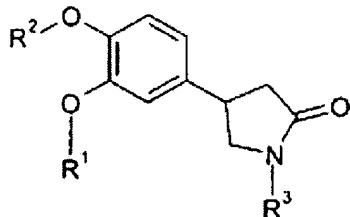
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been canceled. Claims 37-46 have been added. Therefore, claims 4, and 8-46 are currently pending in this Application. Claims 12-27 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The withdrawn subject matter is patentably distinct from the elected subject matter as it differs in structure and element and would require separate search considerations. In addition, a reference, which anticipates one group, would not render obvious the other.

Response to Restriction

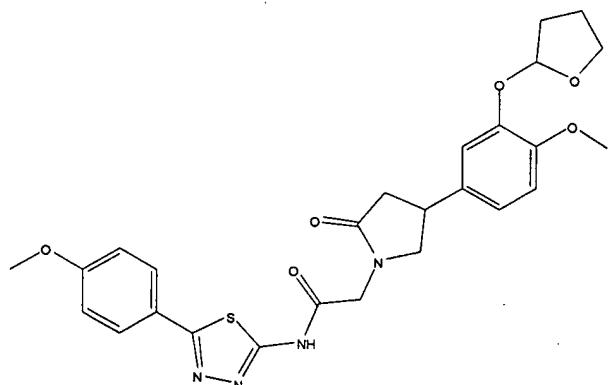
1. Applicants' election, the invention of Group I, claims 1-11 and 28-36, drawn to



compounds represented by formula (I),

and specific compound

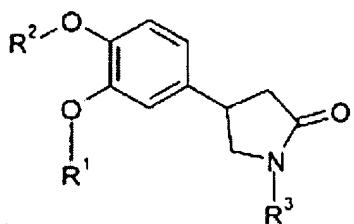
4-[4-methoxy-3-tetrahydrofuran-2-yl]phenyl]-1-[N-(5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-yl)aminocarbonyl-methyl]-2-pyrrolidone



in response filed on March 12, 2007 is

acknowledged. Applicants argued that the search been extended until a prior art is found. The examiner extended the search as shown below.

The scope of the elected subject matter and the search has been extended as follows:



Compounds of formula, ,depicted in claim 1, wherein: R1 and R2 are as defined; R3 represents CH₂CONHR5; and R5 is as defined. As a result of the election and the corresponding scope of the invention identified supra, the remaining subject matter of claims 1-11 and 28-36 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142 (b) as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Therefore the subject matter which are withdrawn from consideration as being non-elected subject differ materially in structure and composition and have been restricted properly a reference which anticipated but the elected subject matter would not even render obvious the withdrawn subject matter and the fields of search are not co-extensive.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed.

Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

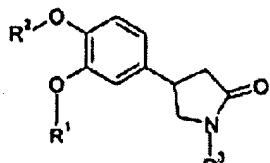
Claims 4, 8, 30-36, are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 4 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 11/253,812. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both sets of claims are drawn to the same art recognized subject matter. A reference anticipating one set of claim will render the other obvious and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made. Both Applications are directed



to compounds of Formula

and there is huge overlap on the definition of the

variables R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6 and R7. For example '812 Application teach



in claim 4, where in:

R¹ is ethyl, isopropyl, cyclopropylmethyl, or cyclobutylmethyl;

R² is -CHF₂;

R³ is -CHR⁷CONHR⁵, wherein R⁵ is a phenyl substituted one or more times by -F, and R⁷ is -H.

The instantly claimed invention teach compounds of the same Formula wherein R1 is alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl; R2 is alkyl optionally substituted by halogens; R3 is CH₂CONR₅R₆; R5 is aryl; R6 is H; of the compound defined in both Applications. The claimed utility of both compounds are the same which would lead one of ordinary skill in the art, to be motivated to prepare additional compounds. Therefore, the instantly claimed compounds would have been suggested to one skilled in the art.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not been yet patented.

Claim Objections

Claims 9-11, 28, 29 and 46, are objected to for depending on a canceled claim.

Claims 37-45 are objected to for containing non elected subject matter.

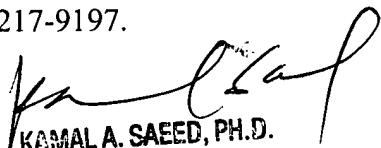
Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamal A Saeed whose telephone number is (571) 272-0705. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00 AM- 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

Communication via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by applicant and should be addressed to [joseph.mckane@uspto.gov]. All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees will not communicate with applicant via Internet e-mail where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is of record an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the applicant. See the Interim Internet Usage Policy published by the Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

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